

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 2ND DAY JUNE OF 2003, AT 7:45 P.M. IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Larry N. Rush	-Chairman
	Annette S. Perkins	-Vice Chairman
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	Gary D. Creed	
	John A. Muffo	
	James D. Politis	
	C.P. Shorter	
	Jeffrey D. Johnson	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Robert C. Parker	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the June 2, 2003 meeting to order.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by C.P. Shorter and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Courthouse Renovations

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None
Annette S. Perkins	
John A. Muffo	
C.P. Shorter	

James D. Politis
Gary D. Creed
Larry N. Rush

Project Summary for Courthouse Renovation and Expansion

Ed Eichman, Dalgliesh, Eichman, Gilpin & Paxton, P.C., summarized the courthouse renovation and expansion project. The existing courthouse is 60,000 square feet. The space needs projected for 10 years is 90,150 square feet and projected for 25 years is 111,300 square feet. The projected space needs for the 10 year plan is 81 percent of the 25 year projection. Mr. Eichman stated in his opinion that it would be less costly to proceed with the 25 year projection and expand the courthouse to 111,300 square feet since the 10 year projection is only 21,000 square feet less. If the courthouse was renovated and expanded to only 90,150 square feet, the entire process would have to be repeated in 10 years, which is more costly.

Mr. Eichman presented the following four options for the Board to consider:

1. Ten Year Program begins 2004. Renovate 60,000 square feet and add 30,150 square feet at \$116. Rounded Budget is \$10,500,000.
2. Ten Year Programs begins 2006. Renovate 60,000 square feet and add 30,150 square feet at \$128. Rounded Budget is \$11,500,000.
3. Twenty-Five Year Program begins 2004. Renovate 60,000 square feet and add 51,300 square feet at \$112. Rounded Budget is \$12,500,000.
4. Twenty-Five Year Program begins 2006. Renovate 60,000 square feet and add 51,300 square feet at \$124. Rounded Budget is \$14,000,000.

Mr. Eichman also explained that arrangements for temporary court space would have to be addressed while the courthouse is being renovated. Building C in the Montgomery County Government Center is a viable option to house the courts at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million. It would take six months to develop the plan for renovations for Building C and another 9-10 months for renovations to be completed. It would be near the end of 2004 before the courts could move into Building C. The renovation and expansion project on the courthouse would take 18-24 months to complete once the courthouse is vacated by the courts.

Circuit Court Judge Ray Grubbs was present to brief the Board on the needs of the court. Judge Grubbs indicated that cases handled by all courts have increased from 3,600 in 1977 to 48,000 in 2001. All three courts, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations and Circuit Court are in dire need of additional space and additional court rooms. He stated this is a much needed renovation and expansion project and appreciates the Board of Supervisors recognizing this need.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the courthouse will have to be renovated, and a decision has to be made for either the 10 year option or the 25 year option. Staff was requested to provide additional information on debt service for each option being considered.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by John A. Muffo, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
John A. Muffo	None
C.P. Shorter	
James D. Politis	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
Annette S. Perkins	
Larry N. Rush	

OTHER BUSINESS

Montgomery County School Board - Potential Use of Building C as School Board Offices

The County Administrator reported he received a letter from Fred Morton, Montgomery County School Superintendent, on behalf of the Montgomery County School Board. The School Board has expressed interest in Building C as potential use for school board offices. Discussion of the possibility of renovating Building C for school board offices have occurred several times between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board in the past. The School Board has discussed using part of the old Christiansburg Middle School for central office space, but they are aware that additional elementary school space will be needed in the future due to the growing number of students in Christiansburg. It would help the School Board in reviewing potential uses for the vacated Christiansburg Middle School to know whether Building C remains a viable option for the school board offices.

The Board of Supervisors directed the County Administrator to report back to the School Superintendent their plans to use Building C as temporary court space until the courthouse project is complete. They

expressed interest in allowing the School Board to use Building C for the school board offices after the courts have vacated Building C.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by John A. Muffo and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, June 9, 2003 at 7:15 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

C.P. Shorter

James D. Politis

Gary D. Creed

Mary W. Biggs

Annette S. Perkins

John A. Muffo

NAY

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Larry N. Rush
Chairman

Jeffrey D. Johnson
County Administrator